

SHEPHERD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR CALLED MEETING

28 N. Liberty, Shepherd, Texas 77371

August 7, 2023, at 6:00pm

Members Present: Jody Cronin, Charles Minton, Mark Hamilton, Billy Lacoste, Freddy Ramos

Members Absent: Amanda Addison, Kurtz Stowers,

Others Present: Debra Hagler, Matthew Greer, Clint Headley

CALLED TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Jody Cronin called the meeting to order. Mark Hamilton also led in prayer and the pledges were recited.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Charles Minton made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Mark Hamilton seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL MONTHLY PAYMENT OF BILLS

Freddy Ramos made a motion to pay the bills. Charles Minton seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Update and take action required regarding Welcome to Shepherd sign at the South end of Shepherd.

This project is on hold because of future Hwy Development. Lauren reported that submitting a picture may allow for pre-approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss and take action required to present to the voters to reduce the percentage of taxes designated to the EDC to create a Street Fund.

Mark Hamilton made a motion to present to the voter to consider reallocating .25% of the sales taxes designated to the EDC back to the City to create a Street Fund. Freddy Ramos seconded the motion and this motions passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action to approve proposed budget to the City Council for consideration.

Billy Lacoste made a motion to approve the budget presented with the following changes: give Lauren a raise equivalent to City Staff, remove the business fund to reduce the proposed sales tax revenue by 1/4. Charles Minton seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The budget will be presented to City Council for final approval.

Discuss and take action to authorize repairs needed to the Lil' Pirate Daycare including getting the building leveled, making some floor repairs and some minor plumbing repairs.

Freddy Ramos made a motion to accept the bid. Billy seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. There is dry rot under the kitchen sink. The building is unlevel. There is a sewer problem under the building. The bid was \$8000.00 to level, raise, replace vanity and minor plumbing repair.

MONTHLY REPORT FROM LAUREN:

Lauren was unavailable to attend this meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN: 6:59

Charles Minton made a motion to adjourn. Billy Lacoste seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approved by: _____

Jody Cronin, EDC President

*Prepared by Debra Hagler